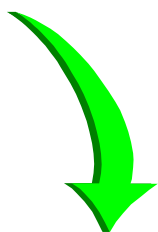


CLAIMANT UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR

December 2012

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Unemployment in the County has decreased by 185 persons to 9,831, a rate of 2.6%.

Unemployment for the UK, GB, England & Wales, the SW, Gloucestershire and its Local Authority Districts

Area	Dec'12 Number	Dec'12 Rate	Nov'12 Number	Nov'12 Rate	Monthly change	% monthly change	Monthly change of rate
UK	1,523,222	3.7	1,534,984	3.8	-11,762	-0.8	-0.1
GB	1,459,647	3.7	1,471,658	3.8	-12,011	-0.8	-0.1
England & Wales	1,326,144	3.7	1,337,563	3.7	-11,419	-0.9	0.0
England	1,248,667	3.6	1,260,186	3.7	-11,519	-0.9	-0.1
South West	84,506	2.5	85,113	2.6	-607	-0.7	-0.1
Gloucestershire	9,831	2.6	10,016	2.7	-185	-1.8	-0.1
Cheltenham	2,320	3.1	2,335	3.1	-15	-0.6	0.0
Cotswold	692	1.4	705	1.4	-13	-1.8	0.0
Forest of Dean	1,293	2.5	1,287	2.5	6	0.5	0.0
Gloucester	3,055	4.0	3,120	4.1	-65	-2.1	-0.1
Stroud	1,448	2.1	1,510	2.2	-62	-4.1	-0.1
Tewkesbury	1,023	2.0	1,059	2.1	-36	-3.4	-0.1

Unemployment in Great Britain **decreased** by 12,011 persons to **1,459,647** a rate of **3.7%**.

The County rate of unemployment has decreased to **2.6%**.

The Forest of Dean saw a small increase in the number of unemployed claimants, while the remaining districts experienced a decline.

The number of males unemployed in the County stands at **6,530 (3.5%)** and the number of females unemployed stands at **3,301 (1.8%)** both representing a decrease on last month.

The figures quoted above cannot be compared with:

- 1) the UK figure of **2.49 million** unemployed at a rate of **7.7%**. This is based on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. It is obtained from an ongoing national household survey and updated on a quarterly basis.
- 2) the seasonally adjusted unemployment claimant count for the UK of **1.56 million** at a rate of **3.8%**.

NB: These figures cannot be replicated at a local level

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